

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As requested by the Examiner in the Office Action of April 7, 2004 (the "Office Action"), Applicant has submitted a drawing attached herewith. Applicant, respectfully maintains, however, that a drawing is not required to understand the present application. The subject matter of the application is directed to a simple, 3-step method of collecting and distributing information and, similar to most methods and processes, does not need a drawing to accompany the application. Although Applicant does not acquiesce in the Examiner's reasons for requesting a drawing under 37 CFR 1.81, Applicant has submitted a drawing in order to facilitate the prosecution of this application. No new matter has been introduced.

Due to the addition of the drawing, Applicant has added a Brief Description of the Drawings section in the Specification. In addition, paragraphs in the Specification have been amended to include references to the new drawing. Amendment details are presented on pages 3-6 of this paper.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner focused on claim 1, and argued that the limitation "collecting the information" and "distributing the database in an electronic medium" were vague. In addition, the Examiner argued that "the meets and bounds of the invention cannot be ascertained" because Applicant did not disclose which type of database would be used in connection with the invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

First, the "collecting" and "distributing" steps are amply described in detail in the Specification. As such, the descriptions in the Specification serve to limit the scope of

claim 1. For example, information is preferred to be collected by inviting vendors to upload such information to a web page prior to a tradeshow (Specification, pg. 3, lines 14-15). Similarly, the database is distributed to the attendees of a tradeshow preferably at the beginning of and throughout the tradeshow (Specification, pg. 3, lines 30-31). In addition, the "information" to be collected, compiled and distributed is that which is related to a conference or tradeshow, as specified in the preamble of claim 1, which further clarifies the scope of the claim.

With respect to the database recited in claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is intended to cover all databases. As the claim is directed to a method for a conference or tradeshow, and not an actual database or apparatus, such a scope is not indefinite.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly overcome, and that the application is fully in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

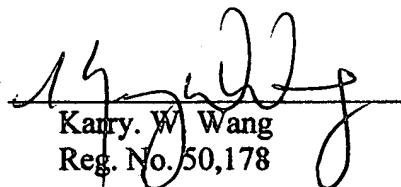
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it is believed that an interview may be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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